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Items to be returned to the Court by: _____

- **Application for Teen Court** – must be filled out completely, signed by applicant AND their parent or guardian with \$20.00
- **Media Release Form** – This needs to be filled out and signed by parent or guardian
- **Code of Conduct (Court Copy)** – You will need to go over this thoroughly and complete the back section. Your Position is “Defendant”.

Items for you to retain:

- **Brochure**
 - **Code of Conduct - Teen Court Participants Copy**
 - **Dress Code**
 - **Calendar of Teen Court dates** (You will need to make sure you come in to complete your jury terms so although the Court will try to remind you of court dates, it is YOUR responsibility to come back to complete your jury terms for citation dismissal.
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APPLICATION TO ATTEND TEEN COURT
(MUST ATTEND AN ACCREDITED SECONDARY SCHOOL)

Grade _____

Name: _____

Ticket Number: _____

Address: _____

Violation: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Parent's Work Phone: _____

I, _____ understand that Marble Falls Teen Court is an alternative to the criminal justice system. I admit guilt, plead (Guilty) (No Contest) and agree to appear before a Teen Court jury, present my case, and accept the sentence the jury will decide. I understand this sentence may include jury duty, volunteer service, counseling, and other appropriate punishment. **I UNDERSTAND IF I MOVE OUT OF MFISD OR CHANGE MY ADDRESS BEFORE MY SETTING I WILL INFORM THE COURT IMMEDIATELY.**

I hereby acknowledge that in order to attend the Teen Court program in lieu of a conviction being entered on my record, that:

1. I plead nolo contendere (no contest) and waive my right to a trial by jury.
2. I am under the age of 18 or currently enrolled full-time in a secondary or accredited school leading towards a high school diploma.
3. I am not currently signed up to attend Teen Court for any other violation, nor have I completed a Teen Court program in the two (2) years preceding the date the alleged offense occurred.
4. I understand that I have ninety (90) calendar days from the date of my Teen Court trial to complete the program.
5. I understand that I must pay a \$10.00 administrative fee and the Teen Court fee of \$10.00 (non-refundable), in addition to the court costs owed.
6. I understand that if the conditions rendered against me at Teen Court are not successfully met, the Teen Court Judge will be notified and prosecution of the case may be resumed in the court of original jurisdiction.
7. I understand that non-compliance with any portion of this request may result in the Court's issuing a warrant for my arrest and will result in the fine becoming due.

Defendant

Date

Parent

Date

Community Service Work, Release of Liability, and Authorization for Medical Treatment

I, _____, hereby certify that I will not hold the City of Marble Falls Municipal Court, its employees, or any other volunteers, legally or financially responsible for any injuries or accidents that may occur in transit to or from the community service work site, or during the scheduled community service work performed in compliance with the order issued by the Municipal Court Judge. I assume complete and full responsibility for any injuries that may occur to me. In case of accident or illness, the person in charge, at his/her discretion, has my permission to obtain medical treatment for me. I understand that I will be liable for all costs.

Signature of Teen

Date

Signature of Parent

Date

Parent/Legal Guardian Release

I, _____, parent/legal guardian of _____, shall at all times indemnify and hold the City of Marble Falls Municipal Court harmless from and against any and all liability, loss, damages, costs and expenses, including attorney's fees, which my minor child may sustain at any time by reason of participation in the community service work performed in compliance with the order issued by the Municipal Court Judge. I assume complete and full responsibility for any injuries that may occur to my minor child. In case of accident or illness, the person in charge, at his/her discretion, has my permission to obtain medical treatment for my minor child. I understand that I will be liable for all costs.

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Date

Application Approved: _____
Marble Falls Municipal Court Judge Date



August 2014

NOTICE:

Attached, you will find a Media Consent Form. We have had a lot of interest in our Teen Court Program, and the media may come and take photos and video proceedings. The Court Personnel may take photos. We would like to use pictures and possibly video of our proceedings. Some may be used on the City website and/or our Teen Court Facebook page. On our website, we will only use first names along with the photos.

Please have this form signed by your parent or guardian and signify if they give or don't give permission for the use of possible photos of you.

Thank you for your time,

Judge Pounds



MARBLE FALLS MUNICIPAL COURT
800 THIRD STREET MARBLE FALLS, TX 78654
830-693-7173 FAX: 830-693-4032

Name of Participant: _____

Electronic/Print Media

Because of the intense interest in the Marble Falls Teen Court, the print and electronic media wants to visit our court and possibly publish names of our participants for print in the newspaper. We want to ensure parental approval be obtained before the media may publish pictures or run any articles using their names.

Please indicate by checking the appropriate box whether you want your child to be interviewed or photographed by the print and/or electronic media. It will be kept on file in the Marble Falls Municipal Court.

_____ **Yes, I give my permission for the media to interview and photograph my child.**

_____ **No, I do not want my child photographed or interviewed by the media.**

I acknowledge by my signature below I understand the above stated information.

World Wide Web & Internet Publishing

The Marble Falls Municipal Court has a link on the City of Marble Falls website, and we would like to publish articles and pictures of our Teen Court Volunteers.

- Student work may be published only as it relates to the Teen Court.
- All Web page documents may include only students' first names.
- No confidential student information shall be published or linked to a Web page.

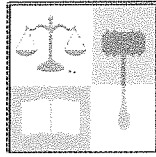
_____ **Yes, I give my permission to publish the work, photograph(s), first name and non-confidential information of my student on the World Wide Web.**

_____ **No, I do not want my student's work, photograph(s), first name or non-confidential information published on the World Wide Web.**

I acknowledge by my signature below I understand the above stated information.

Printed name of Parent or Guardian

Signature of Parent or Guardian / DATE



MARBLE FALLS TEEN COURT CODE OF CONDUCT

As a participant of TEEN COURT, you are responsible for following the rules of conduct. These rules are for your protection as well as the protection of all TEEN COURT participants and volunteers.

GENERAL RULES FOR ALL TEEN COURT PARTICIPANTS

- ◆ I will always address the Court, the Jury, witnesses and opposing Counsel with respect and dignity.
- ◆ I will respect other's and not act out towards any participant in a threatening or sexually harassing manner.
- ◆ I will never address others with inappropriate or vulgar language while on Teen Court premises.
- ◆ I will respect the property of others, including other participant's personal items and the Teen Court premises.
- ◆ I will not commit any criminal violations and I understand that if I do, I will be subject to removal from Teen Court.
- ◆ I will conduct myself in a professional manner taking the court proceedings seriously.
- ◆ I will maintain confidentiality of information attained through the Teen Court sessions.
- ◆ I will speak in an audible and clear voice.
- ◆ I will not hold anything against ANY participant in Teen Court because of the outcome of a case.
- ◆ I will adhere to the Court's Dress Code.
- ◆ I will attend Teen Court sessions with a sober mind and not under the influence of any drugs, chemicals or alcohol.
- ◆ If I have any issues with court procedures, any person(s) involved with Teen Court or any of the rules, I will discuss those with the Judge or Court personnel.

COURTROOM RULES

- ◆ No food or drinks
- ◆ No talking, whispering or giggling
- ◆ Remain in your seat until excused by Judge
(Cases of emergency will be acceptable)
- ◆ Turn off cell phones
- ◆ Address Judge as
"Your Honor"

ATTORNEY – CLIENT RELATIONSHIP

- ◆ I will be enthusiastic in my representation of my client and always look out for his or her own best interest.
- ◆ I will keep all information regarding Teen Court cases confidential. I will not take any materials concerning cases off of Teen Court premises.
- ◆ I will arrive on time for Teen Court and notify the court two weeks in advance if I'm not able to attend (absences can be excused on case by case basis, Keep in mind: cases are set on docket two weeks prior and we need to know if we are going to be short on attorneys).

JURY RULES

- ◆ I will be fair in my deliberations as a juror and will not let any prejudice or bias influence how I reach any particular verdict.
- ◆ I will only sit as a juror on those cases where I do not have personal knowledge of the facts of the case or where I have a relationship with the defendant that will compromise a just verdict.
- ◆ During any deliberation I will respect everyone's opinions and allow everyone the opportunity to express them.
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- ◆ I understand that if I do not abide to the Code of Conduct, disrupt the Court, disrespect the Court or any participant of Teen Court (this includes backlash on the jurors at ANY time), my case will be thrown out of Teen Court and my penalty will be maxed out (according to the statute) and conviction will go on my record.

I understand the 2 page Court Code of Conduct and agree to abide by all rules set forth in this agreement.

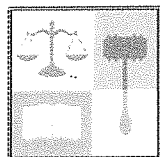
Printed Name

Position (Atty, Juror, Defendant)

Signature

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~ DRESS CODE ~

No shorts, skirts or dresses (long pants only)

No torn or dirty jeans

No hats or caps

No tank tops or spaghetti straps

Shirts must be tucked in

No gum chewing

No flip-flops

No facial piercings

No midriff showing (even with arms raised)

No clothing containing messages that are vulgar, offensive, obscene, or displaying alcohol, tobacco or sex.

No clothing indicating school affiliation

Cell phones must be turned off

Remember, this is a Courtroom and appropriate dress shows respect and professionalism. We reserve the right to refuse participation to anyone who does not meet these guidelines and breach of dress code may jeopardize your privilege to participate.

**If you have any questions:
Contact the Court at 830-693-7173
or
Email Ms. Teresa at
jcm@ci.marble-falls.tx.us**

TEEN COURT DATES 2014-2015

September 15 & 20, 2014 - TRAINING

September 29, 2014

October 13, 2014

November 3, 2014

December 8, 2014

January 5, 2015

January 26, 2015

February 9, 2015

February 23, 2015

March 2, 2015

March 23, 2015

April 6, 2015

April 27, 2015

Scheduled Court Date

Tentative dates only